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The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee :—

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The average attendance at the meetings of the Academy during the past year, from December 1, 1895, to November 30, 1896, was forty. Verbal communications were made by Messrs. Woolman, Goldsmith, Rand, Mercer, Brinton, Sharp, Vaux, Heilprin, Cope, Chapman, Allen, Pilsbry, Carter, Keeley, Lyman, Holman, Sangree, Egbert, Sommerville, Dixon, Leeds, Stokes, Campbell, Wistar, A. P. Brown, Willcox, Frazer, Morris, Skinner, A. E. Brown, Rothermel, Henry, Leonard, Morsell, Dolley, A. D. Smith, Rhoads, Stone, Fox, Reese, Ball, Horn, McCook, Seiss, Calvert, Balch, Hamilton, Richardson and Miss Bascom. Those that were reported by their authors were published in the *Proceedings*.

Six hundred and nine pages of the *Proceedings*, illustrated by 23 plates, and 297 pages of the *Journal*, with 53 plates, forming Parts III and IV of the tenth volume, have been issued. We are indebted to Mr. Clarence B. Moore for the illustrations of both numbers.

The publication of the *Manual of Conchology* has been continued by the Conchological Section. During the year Parts 63, 64 and 64a of the 1st Series (Marine Univalves), and Parts 39 and 40 of the 2d Series (Pulmonata) have been issued. The former consists of 157 pages illustrated by 44 plates, and the latter 121 pages illustrated by 27 plates. The first parts of Vols. XVII and XI respectively of the two series are now in press. The expense of publication of the *Manual*, copiously illustrated as it is with colored plates, is so great that the Section would be unable to continue it were it not for the support received from conchologists throughout the world.

The Entomological Section and the American Entomological Society have published, during the same period, 288 pages and 7 plates of the *Entomological News* and 386 pages and 11 plates of the *Transactions*.

This makes a total of 1,858 pages and 165 plates issued under the auspices of the Academy since the first of last December.

Forty papers have been presented for publication, as follows :—H. A. Pilsbry, 5 ; Harrison Allen, M. D., 3 ; Samuel N. Rhoads, 3 ; Edw. D. Cope, 3 ; Ida A. Keller, 2 ; Wm. J. Fox, 2 ; R. W. Shu-

feldt, M. D., 2 ; H. A. Pilsbry and E. G. Vanatta, 2 ; E. L. Green, 1 ; Witmer Stone, 1 ; Theo. Holm, 1 ; Thomas Meehan, 1 ; Amos P. Brown, 1 ; O. F. Cook, 1 ; J. C. Hartzell, Jr., 1 ; Fredk. P. Henry, M. D., 1 ; Chas. S. Dolley, M. D., 1 ; Frank C. Baker, 1 ; Cloudesley Rutter, 1 ; D. S. Jordan and Cloudesley Rutter, 1 ; Wm. H. Dall, 1 ; J. B. Ellis and B. M. Everhart, 1 ; Gilbert D. Harris, 1 ; S. N. Rhoads and H. A. Pilsbry, 1 ; Charles Morris, 1 ; Edw. S. Balch, 1. Four of these have been returned to the authors, two have been withdrawn, four are held for publication next year, and the others have been issued in the current volume of the *Proceedings*. In view of the occasional appearance in newspapers of communications offered to the Academy, on the recommendation of the Publication Committee a resolution was adopted declining to print papers of which more than a brief abstract had appeared elsewhere than in the publications of the society.

Thirty-five members and two correspondents have been elected. The deaths of thirteen members and ten correspondents have been reported, and the resignations of ten members have been accepted, as follows : S. Emlen Meigs, Annesley R. Govett, Eugene Delano, John C. Sims, Jos. C. Harrison, Francis B. Reeves, Theo. Presser, James Y. McAllister, Frank T. Patterson and Adele M. Fielde, leaving a gain of twelve members during the year.

The contributors to the Building Fund having made their final report setting forth the completion of the new lecture-hall and museum building, the expenditure of the fund and the discontinuance of the organization, the action was approved by the Academy and the Recording Secretary was authorized to receive all the books, papers and other assets of said contributors, and of the Board of Trustees established by them.

The resignation of Dr. Dixon as Professor of Histology and Microscopic Technology, presented in consequence of a press of official duties, was accepted January 28.

Dr. Henry Skinner was elected Professor in the Department of Insecta, March 21.

General Isaac J. Wistar was appointed the representative of the Academy at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Lord Kelvin's tenure of office as Professor in the University of Glasgow.

Prof. Angelo Heilprin represented the Society at the Mining and Geological Millennial Congress at Buda Pest.

Dr. Persifor Frazer was appointed to represent the Academy at the Seventh Session of the International Geological Congress.

In response to an invitation, Dr. Charles S. Dolley was requested to contribute to the proceedings of the Congrès International de Pêches Maritimes at Ville des Sables d' Olonne.

The report of the Committee on the Hayden Memorial Award conferring the recognition for 1896 on Prof. Giovanni Capellini, having been adopted, the medal and interest on the fund were forwarded to the distinguished geologist through the Italian Consul, and their receipt has been duly acknowledged.

An important addition to the educational facilities of the Academy was formally provided for by the adoption of the following resolution, June 30:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Instruction and Lectures of the Academy be authorized to coöperate with the Ludwick Institute in the delivery of free courses of lectures on the natural sciences, primarily to the teachers in schools, and that the Academy expresses its satisfaction with the plan proposed by the Institute for the advancement of public education.

A resolution was adopted December 24, 1895, empowering the President to designate annually two members of the Academy to the electors of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology to serve as managers of the Institute under the deed of endowment until their successors shall have been appointed.

A resolution urging the Commissioner of City Property to take timely measures for the extermination of the tussock moth from squares and city trees was adopted, and the subject referred to a committee of entomologists who drew up and submitted to the Commissioner a set of suggestions which, if carried out, would undoubtedly effect the very desirable object contemplated.

The Academy's attention having been called to a bill before Congress for the prevention of vivisection, a series of resolutions prepared by a Committee consisting of Messrs. Cope, Sharp and H. F. Moore, deprecating its adoption, was ordered to be sent to Washington as an expression of the Academy's views on the subject.

The fourth Tuesday of each month has been assigned to the Anthropological Section for coöperation with the meetings of the Academy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Recording Secretary.